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Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Edwin L. Osika, Jr.
Executive Vice President
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Re: Richardson Flat Tailings Site

Dear Mr. Osika:

This letter is to confirm that EPA has received the report entitled "Comments and Observations on the Drilling Activities Performed By EPA's TAT Contractor and Subcontracted Driller During the Period of June 23 Through June 27, 1992" prepared by Pioneer Technical Services, Inc. and dated July 13, 1992 which you sent to us, as well as, your letter of August 12, 1992 forwarding a copy of David Tuesdy's August 11, 1992 letter to you commenting on Ecology and Environment, Inc.'s report entitled "Report of Drilling Activities, Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Summit County."

EPA is in the process of reviewing these documents and will be sending you a detailed response once our review is completed. In regards to your concern that one of the groundwater monitoring wells may be allowing the "upward migration of the formerly confined groundwater", EPA's recent measuring of the groundwater depth has shown that the groundwater level has dropped since the monitoring wells were installed, and that the groundwater depth is below the top of the clay layer, as measured by your consultants and EPA's TAT contractor, which was encountered during the well drilling. A more detailed discussion of the monitoring wells and the other concerns expressed by your consultants will be sent to you in the near future.

EPA appreciates your interest in the remediation of the Richardson Flat Tailings Site. If you would like to discuss

further any of your concerns before our review of the documents
you sent us is completed, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Zimmerman".

Mike Zimmerman, OSC
Emergency Response Branch

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